



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Francoise Vinet et al.
Serial No.: 09/997,605 Art Unit: 1637
Filing Date: November 29, 2001
Title: SOLID SUPPORT FOR IMMOBILIZING
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES
Examiner: Jeffrey Siew
Docket No.: 34176

AMENDMENT
(IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 3)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The three-month period for responding to the Office action of May 21, 2003 expired on August 21, 2003. Applicants' respectfully request and petition that the response period be extended by one-month until September 21, 2003. A check for the \$110.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

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9/22/2003

Date

Signature of Attorney

In response to the Office action of May 21, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this
paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.